

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are canceled.

Claims 23-30 are added.

Claims 23-30 are pending

I. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-22 are rejected under *35 U.S.C. § 102(b)*. Claims 1-22 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and thus the rejections of these claims have been rendered moot.

II. CONCLUSION

Claims 1-22 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 23-30 have been added.

The Applicant has added new Claims 23-30 to more clearly define the present invention.

The Applicant, therefore, respectfully asserts that new Claims 23-30 are in condition for allowance and requests an early allowance of these claims.

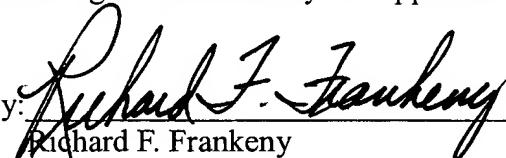
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call Applicant's attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining problems.

Respectfully submitted,

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